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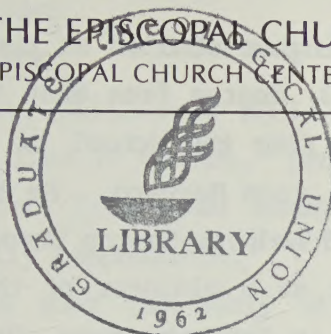
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BINGHAM JOINSCONVENTION STAFF

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NEW YORK (DPS, May 1) -- The Rev. Canon James G. Bingham has been named assistant secretary of General Convention.

As assistant secretary, Bingham is responsible for legislative journals and dockets and serves as editorial and production supervisor for General Convention materials and reports. He reports directly to the secretary and executive officer of General Convention, the Rev. Canon James R. Gundrum and also assists Gundrum in interpreting the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.

The office also coordinates the work of the Convention's committees, commissions, boards and agencies, provides staff support to the House of Bishops and oversees the Convention manager's office.

Much of the work of the office is computerized, and Gundrum cited Bingham's recent experience in helping to develop the computer network of the diocese of Maryland in making the appointment. Bingham has been canon to the ordinary for communication in Maryland for the last three years.

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A native of Kentucky, Bingham studied at the Virginia Military Institute and received his A.B. degree from West Virginia University. He earned his M.Div. degree from the School of Theology of the University of the South and an M.A. from Harvard. He has also studied at General Theological Seminary and Andover-Newton Theological School.

Bingham began his career as a minister of the American Baptist Convention serving a church in Seekonk, Mass. He worked briefly for the National Council of Churches, and, while studying for his M.Div., served as a lay minister at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Morganton, N.C. After his ordination in 1970, he became vicar of that church, a post he held for seven years. He then spent three years as communication director for the Appalachian People's Service Organization.

Before going to Maryland, he was assistant to the bishop of Southern Virginia for small churches, college work and special ministries. He was a member of the board of the University of the South, on the General Convention staff in 1973 and 1976 and has held a number of diocesan, civic and academic appointments. He succeeds the Rev. David Seger.

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TUTU RECEIVES HONORARY

DOCTORATE AT CLAREMONT

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BERKELEY, California (DPS, June 1) -- "We belong to one another, whether we like it or not," proclaimed Bishop Desmond Tutu. "We cannot be human apart from other human beings. We are utterly interdependent and mutually responsible."

That is what the story of Adam and Eve is all about, the world-famous South African cleric told the packed President's Forum at Claremont Graduate School on May 11. It tells first that we are not meant to be alone, but caring, sharing, loving human beings, genuinely concerned for each other. And it tells us that if we break the rules, if we "upset the applecart" of what we are destined to do and be, there will be dire consequences.

In modern parlance, he said that the story means that no country is self-sufficient, just as no person can be. And it says that if we break the rules we will destroy the universe. To survive, we must obey the laws of life.

Tutu was here to receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Claremont. He appeared at the Forum the day before as part of a panel tackling the topic of "Third World Development in a Time of Global Instability."

The other panelists were the Hon. Andrew Young, Mayor of Atlanta, and former congressman and ambassador to the United Nations; and Jean Lipman-Blumen, Claremont professor of public policy and organizational behavior and former special advisor to the domestic policy staff in the Carter White House.

The panelists agreed that things are getting worse, not better, for most people in third world countries: despite three decades of concentrated efforts at development, the absolute gap has widened between developed and developing nations; living conditions have deteriorated for the majority of people, 800 million of whom live in absolute poverty while a few in each country grow rich; development projects have exported first world technology to lands where they are totally inappropriate, often with dire effects; these very development projects have

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often locked the recipients into a kind of dependence which has resulted in what Tutu called a new form of colonialism and Lipman-Blumen called a new-day version of the company store.

Concerning solutions to these problems, the panelists had different approaches. Tutu said that the only ultimate solution was to turn people around to develop qualities that are human, not materialistic, in order to "generate a moral climate that will make political decisions for humanity possible."

Lipman-Blumen would establish a "Global Development Core" of first world scholars -- senior faculty members from every university and college who would go to third world countries for significant amounts of time, not as teachers but as learners who could then apply their expertise with local nationals to establish methods of development appropriate to the particular country.

Young saw the answer in increased trade. first world countries need new markets, third world countries need their products; even though they are poor, third world countries are likely markets because many first world products can help them increase their own productivity.

Rather than redistributing wealth -- something both other panelists said was essential if revolution was not to occur in many places around the globe -- Young would generate new wealth by creative trade agreements. It is not so much a matter of seeing "who gets a piece of the pie," he said, "but of keeping the pie growing" so that there is enough for all. Essential to his plan is the establishment of an international fund for large development projects across national boundaries, such as a natural gas pipeline through the heart of Africa, roads in primitive areas, or an all-Africa phone system.

Near the conclusion of the forum, a young Colombian student asked the panel for their advice to persons like himself, being trained to go home and become leaders of their developing countries.

Lipman-Blumen said to get all the education possible. Young said the important thing was to be involved -- in local institutions, including the church, in politics and in business.

Tutu brought silence to the room when he said quietly, "Be prepared to suffer. Be ready to die if you are going to be involved in a struggle for liberation."

(The following is the text of the citation presented to Bishop Tutu by the Claremont Graduate School in conferring upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.)

In a society where, beneath the pieties, racial discrimination, economic exploitation and social injustice rule, your witness gives hope to many not only in South Africa but around the world. You have continually opposed apartheid and worked nonviolently for the transformation of your tortured, beloved country into a true democracy where black and brown as well as white people can be enfranchised citizens. You live dangerously every day in this continuing struggle, subject to pressures and threats that would have crushed a less robust, less dedicated, less faithful person. We hail your vitality, your humor, your irrepressible spirit. In affirming your cause and celebrating your courage we salute you as an indispensable champion of the right of all people to be human, no longer divided and separated by the colors of our skins. Claremont Graduate School is both proud and humble in bestowing upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa.

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NEW IRELAND FORUM

GETS CAUTIOUS RESPONSE

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland (DPS, May 31) --Leaders of the Anglican Communion in Ireland have given a cautious welcome to the report of the New Ireland Forum while, at the same time, flagging some of elements they feel still limit dialogue.

The Forum report is the work of nationalist parties representing almost 70 percent of the total population of both the Republic and the North. Issued in early May -- it seeks to lay the groundwork for peace and stability on the island through a new, open dialogue. The panelists sought to elicit opinion from all segments of Irish society through testimony and written submissions, and many groups, including the Anglican Church of Ireland, participated. However, unionist groups of the North boycotted the sessions.

Because of this, and the traditions of the panelists, the Report is weighted toward the nationalist point of view, and it is this element that the Church of Ireland chose to address in what it calls a "preliminary" response. In spite of its weighting, the Report is one of the few broad-based documents to give any credence to the coexistence of disparate political and social traditions in the island and the need for all traditions (except those using or advocating violence) to be balanced in any emerging structure.

In commenting on the Report, the Church noted "much that encourages dialogue in the document, and we recognize it as a statement from the Constitutional Nationalist position.

"We welcome the commitment to obtaining the consent or agreement of the majority in Northern Ireland but would question if the full implications of this decision have been recognized."

The historical analysis in the Report was rapped as "inadequate and lacking in balance. We believe that Chapter 3, by its apportionment of blame and because of its lack of historical accuracy and balance, will be counter-productive when read by the people of Ireland in general and the majority of people in Northern Ireland in particular.

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"If this chapter is taken as a definitive writing of Irish history does it bode ill for the teaching of Irish history in the future?" they asked.

Echoing the plea of government leaders when the Report was released, the Church said, "We welcome all contributions to dialogue, and as a national Church we would encourage all people committed to peace to engage locally and nationally in debate."

"While the Report shows a welcome and growing sensitivity to the identity and rights of both communities, there is an urgent need for a more specific and detailed examination of the issues raised by the Church of Ireland in the written submission and the oral presentation. These include Church/State relations, Law and Morality, Pluralism and Mixed Marriages."

The response promises that a Church panel would look at the Report in depth and add its own contributions to the dialogue.

One such is likely to be a Christian perspective that the respondents felt was missing in what is generally viewed as a secular and political document.

"As members of the Church of Ireland looking at the document, we feel it strange that in an island which claims to be Christian there has been so little emphasis placed on forgiveness, which is fundamental to the whole concept of reconciliation, and as a Church we accept our share of the blame.

"Forgiveness is central to cultural and political attitudes, and it is the duty of the Churches to be reconciled and to call all men to repentance. It is not the duty of the Churches to argue for Partisan advantage but to look to the wider vision. Without forgiveness there can be no sure ground for pursuing political dialogue, much less peace and stability on this island."

This is consistent with the stand of the Church, which has eschewed any political role while pressing for religious reconciliation.

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DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

PLANS FOR ITS FUTURE

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LOS ANGELES (DPS, May 31) -- Nearly 1000 members of the Diocese of Los Angeles gathered at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel May 18-19 to talk about their future life together.

It was an unusual conference in that it had no confining agenda and no legislative authority or expectation. Participants came to hear presentations by two prominent Episcopalians -- undersecretary of commerce D. Bruce Merrifield, and dean of the Princeton University Chapel the Rev. Frederick H. Borsch -- and then to engage in three lengthy small group discussions. The task in these groups was to respond to the speakers and grapple with plans for the administration of the huge diocese.

"Structuring to manage change" was what Merrifield called it. "Thinking through the expectations" was how Borsch phrased it, adding "The glory is that you are not here to make decisions, so you can go beyond that to see the larger vision."

The conference provided an opportunity for a large and representative segment of the diocese to study the report, submitted to diocesan convention last December, of an ad hoc committee on the diocese's future. After nearly four years of study by two successive groups, the committee had recommended a metropolitical plan for the diocese, with one diocesan bishop and four assisting bishops, each of whom would have more or less total charge of a specific geographical area. The convention voted to engage in a year-long study of the report before making any decisions.

Borsch set the stage the first evening by outlining the history of the office of bishop as it has evolved from the early church to the present.

Next morning Merrifield gave a fast rundown on some of the ways sophisticated technology is having an impact on every facet of life and emphasized that it will continue to do so at dizzyingly accelerated pace. The only constant in the future will be change, he said.

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That afternoon it fell to Borsch to tie together both speeches and the tabulated data from the small group discussions.

Sensing frustration on the part of many in the audience to "get on with a new structure, now," the dean cautioned that it would be a mistake to think only in terms of contemporary needs, becoming thereby locked into a present which is constantly changing. "We need the past...to go to the future as an endless line. The Church has to give to the world, and we mustn't lose it ourselves."

The dean urged the group not to be afraid to risk changing in order to find the way "which may be better for you here in this time." A mistake can be rectified; the important thing is to use creatively and with "purifying motives" the energy of the dynamic membership of the Church.

"God can work through any structure," he said, "if that structure is offered to God."

The process is far from finished. Every conference participant is expected to engage his or her congregation in similar discussion. All data from the conference will be collated and submitted to the Committee on the Future, which is charged to bring in a new, revised or updated version of its report to the next diocesan convention on Nov. 30.

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CONFERENCE HELD ON

HISPANIC STEWARDSHIP

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ORLANDO, Fla. (DPS, May 31) -- On May 24-26, the first national Hispanic workshops on stewardship and accounting for small congregations were held at the Canterbury Conference Center here. Each of the Hispanic congregations here and in Miami, New Orleans, and Hartford, Conn. sent clergy and two lay readers, for a total of 27 participants.

The first workshop was on accounting for small congregations, and it was led by Philip Wade, development officer for the Diocese of Southeast Florida; Roman Ojeda, assistant treasurer for the Diocese of Central Florida; and Manuel Mesa, a certified public accountant from Miami who is an active Hispanic layman. This workshop was followed immediately by one on stewardship led by the Rev. Canon Ken Clark of Albuquerque, N.M.; the Rev. Canon Hugh Magers of San Antonio, Tex.; and the Rev. Herbert Arrunategui, staff officer for Hispanic Ministries at the Episcopal Church Center in New York.

Both workshops were conducted in Spanish. A follow-up to this conference will take place in February of 1985, when techniques and models of stewardship will be demonstrated. The events are sponsored by the National Hispanic Office.

More information about the conference and about the materials that were used may be requested from the Hispanic Office at the Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017; telephone: (212) 867-8400, ext. 261.

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ing skills and competencies available both in Hunter's program and in New York City." Hunter's graduate program in urban affairs is noted for its deep involvement in on-the-site experiences, as well as the opportunity to reflect on these with experts. This seminar will include "practical experience in urban planning and community organization and integrating them into the theology and practice of urban ministry."

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WASHINGTON (DPS, May 31) — The Washington Cathedral has just opened a new display in its Pilgrim Observation Gallery which is an educational survey of the cathedral's architecture and construction history. There are also sections on its fine arts, carving and stained glass. The gallery is reached by an elevator from the southwest entrance of the cathedral and has a superb view of Washington and the surrounding countryside. It is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 12:30 to 3:15 p.m. on Sunday.

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SEATTLE (DPS, May 31) -- The Olympia Churchman, newspaper of the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, received two awards in the Washington Press Association 1983 Journalism Competition. The paper took first place for page layout among internal publications and second place for an interview with the Rev. Vincent Gowen. In addition, editor Christine Dubois received a second place award for her regular "Hallelujah Break-down" column. Dubois also received awards for her work with two other publications.

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NEW YORK (DPS, May 31) — In an effort to reach the estimated 40 percent of Americans for whom religion is unimportant, a campaign has begun to market a repackaged version of the Living Bible alongside tabloids at supermarket checkout counters. David W. Clark, vice president of marketing at the Christian Broadcasting Network, is heading the campaign. His idea is to have the covers of the Bible done like novels, with contemporary typographical layout. He intends to test market this in an advertising campaign in six markets.

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NEW YORK (DPS, May 31) — This year's observance of Episcopal College Sunday was on April 29, and to mark this, the Association of Episcopal Colleges and presidents of the nine colleges affiliated with the Episcopal Church held their annual meeting on the 28-29. They met in Cleveland as guests of Bishop James R. Moodey of the Diocese of Ohio. During the course of the meeting, the annual Charles Flint Kellogg award was presented to Robert D. Storey, a Cleveland attorney and civic leader, for his distinguished service to higher education. The award was conceived of the late Dr. Kellogg, an educator who chaired the Association Board for seven years, as a way to recognize lay leaders in education.

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SEWANEE, Tenn. (DPS, May 31) -- Ruth Manier, 91 years old, was one of nine members of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels in Anniston, Ala., who recently graduated from the four-year Education for Ministry program of the Bairnwick Center at the University of the South. She is believed to be the oldest person to graduate from a program at Sewanee. "Commencement" was held during an Evensong service in April. The graduates — laypersons whose average age was 65 — had followed a theological education course based on the core curriculum of Sewanee's School of Theology, a program in which over 11,000 people in the United States, Australia, the Bahamas, Canada, Mexico and New Zealand have participated.

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NEW YORK (DPS, May 31) — Church World Service, which is the relief and development arm of the National Council of Churches and to which the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief contributes, has just begun publication of a bi-monthly magazine. Called CWS Connections, it is intended to keep participants and contributors to Church World Service informed about development issues and current projects. The first issue deals with Africa and the second with Central America. Free subscriptions are available from Church World Service, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115.

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CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (DPS, May 31) -- The Church of the Province of New Zealand, meeting here in May at its 46th General Synod, has become the first New Zealand Church to officially endorse the view that the system of Apartheid is a heresy. The motion as passed endorsed the 1983 World Council of Churches resolution that "Apartheid stands condemned by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Life of the world" and that any theology which supports or condones it is heretical. The Synod also endorsed a similar resolution passed unanimously by the Province of South Africa in 1982. Contents of the Synod's resolution will be made known to both the New Zealand Council of Churches and the Church of the Province of South Africa. Dean-elect of Christchurch, the Very Rev. Dr. D. J. Coles, called the resolution a theological rather than political issue and added, "It is a matter of basic Christian doctrine."

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KAMPALA, Uganda (DPS, May 31) -- In his first address as Primate to the Ugandan Provincial Assembly, which met May 5-10, Archbishop Yona Okoth asked: "Is the Church of Uganda playing its expected role in contributing, by way of service" to solve the country's many problems. He challenged the Church to "have a common Christian mind and understanding of the causes of whatever is afflicting our nation today" and called on all Ugandan Anglicans "to engage in deep prayer and study". He emphasized the need to strengthen relations with the Roman Catholic Church as a step towards the refounding of the Uganda Christian Council and expressed his thanks for the presence of other Anglican leaders at his enthronement earlier this year, adding that this and the presence of the secretary general of the Anglican Consultative Council, Canon Samuel Van Culin, who led the Assembly's daily Bible study, quiet time and prayers, "clearly demonstrated that as members of the Anglican Communion we are part of the broad world-wide community of the followers of Christ."

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KAMPALA, Uganda (DPS, May 31) -- The Namirembe Diocese, Church of Uganda, which is centered here in the capital and serves an area with a population of three million people, is holding an Evangel-

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istic and Teaching Mission during the months of June, July, and August. The mission's theme is "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6), and it will involve meetings in all parishes and congregations within a ten-mile radius of Kampala, as well as, during June and July, all schools and diocesan institutions. Chief missionary will be Bishop Maurice Wood from the Diocese of Norwich, England. Also taking part from the United Kingdom will be the Rev. Ken Barham of the Ruanda Mission, and from West Germany, 25 young people from an Evangelistic Fellowship will be arriving for six weeks, starting in mid-July. The organizing committee for this is headed by Bishop Misaeri Kauma, assistant bishop of Namirembe Diocese.

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PITTSBURGH, (DPS, May 31) -- The Rev. Dr. John Karl Meissner Baiz died May 19 of cancer. He was 66 years old and had been, for the last 22 years, rector of Calvary Church here, second largest in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. Noted for the quality of his sermons, he was also known as a strong force for the liberal movement in the Episcopal Church, and, under his leadership, Calvary had been the first church in the diocese to hire a woman priest. He is survived by his wife, three children, two grandchildren, and four siblings.

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ELLSWORTH, Kan. (DPS, May 31) -- "This is an historic year at the St. Francis Homes." With these words, executive director Canon N. Kenneth Yates began his report to the annual membership meeting held here May 6th, adding: "Not only are we dedicating new additions and renovations here at Ellsworth, but we are beginning our 40th year of service to troubled youth." The meeting and dedication at Ellsworth, which was the first St. Francis Boys' Home, were attended by some 250 people. The Homes' founder, the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Mize, traveled from California for the events. It was also the occasion of the organizational meeting for an Association of Former Residents of the St. Francis Homes. This Association will serve as a support system for the agency and also for the residents -- before, during, and after their stay. The St. Francis Boys' Homes is an Episcopal Church-related child care agency operating residential homes for "conduct disordered teenage boys". Homes are located here and in Salina, Kan. and Lake Placid, N.Y.

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PICTURE CAPTIONS

Seabury Vessels Travel Diocese

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(84120) The Diocese of Connecticut is making an effort to carry bicentennial celebrations into every parish and mission in the diocese in a way that brings the Church into the public eye. A rough-hewn wooden cross and the chalice and paten used by Bishop Samuel Seabury travel from parish to parish along with videotaped presentations and other educational resources for keeping the history of the Church alive. When the artifacts traveled from St. Andrew's Madison, to St. Stephen's, East Haddam, they made the last part of the journey — from the town square to the Church — in a procession that includedthurifers and bagpipes. As the procession arrived at the Church, they paused while the vicar, the Rev. R.L. Payne, read the Holy Cross Day Collect (84121/1). Then the procession moved inside to the Sunday worship where Communion was administered (84121/2) from the vessels used by Seabury, who was consecrated as the first bishop of the Episcopal Church in 1784. St. Stephen's, although it is now in a "new" building, was the last church Seabury consecrated in his episcopate. The travels of the commemorative cross, chalice and paten are coordinated so that each congregation has them for three days, including at least part of a Sunday.

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